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RESPONSE TO JUNE 22, 2001, OFFICE ACTION

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This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 18, 2001.

The Examiner is reminded that this application is a continuation application filed in an abundance of caution to present art before the Examiner of which the undersigned became aware. All claims are presented in this application to assure continuity with the parent application. The Notice Of Allowance in the parent application was with respect to claims 24-31, with the remaining claims having been cancelled. Further, such remaining claims were cancelled at the

specific request of the Examiner during a telephone conference with the

Examiner, presumably to achieve more prompt allowance. Accordingly.

examination of at least claims 24-31 in this application at this time is warranted

and requested. Further, the undersigned notes that there was no species

restriction made in the parent application. It is also requested that the Examiner

at least examine the species restricted claims at this time in additional to claims

24-31.

The undersigned hereby confirms election of the first stated species in the

action of June 22, 2001. At least claims 36-38, 40 and 41 are readable

thereon.

To any extent the Examiner believes this response is not fully responsive

to the actions of June 22, 2001 and September 18, 2001, a brief telephone

interview is requested to facilitate prosecution so that examination on the merits

will begin.

Respectfully submitted,

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